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Kevin J. Martin
Federal Communications Commission
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Room 8-B201
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Martin,

As the founder and chairperson of Communications Consumers United (CCU) I would like to applaud the Commission on its recent order to halt cable providers' exclusive access agreements.

With nearly 30% of Americans, almost half of all minorities, living in duplexes, apartments, condos, etc. millions upon millions of people have been missing out on the benefits of a competitive cable marketplace. Now, with this recent order those citizens will have the opportunity to reap the benefits an open market presents; better pricing, options, and service.

Another significant aspect which can not go unnoticed is the tremendous benefit this order has on broadband deployment. Broadband technology, a powerful and increasingly necessary tool in the 21st Century, has seen the number of subscribers rise dramatically over recent years, but unfortunately we still face a divide which we work to close.

This order will play an integral part in driving broadband deployment into MDU's, many of which it would have been unattainable in before; creating greater opportunities for consumers to join the broadband network and partake in its many services.

The order marks a tremendous gain of not only choice among cable providers, but freedoms, particularly for minorities; the freedom to say goodbye to exclusive access agreements and hello to competitive benefits and broadband technologies.

On behalf of the members of CCU and all MDU dwellers nationwide I thank you.

Communications Consumers United is a not-for-profit consumer advocacy organization that focuses on identifying and supporting policies that ensure universal access to advanced communications products and services across the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vera McIntyre', is written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Vera McIntyre
Chairwoman
Communications Consumers United

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